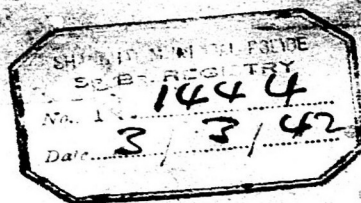
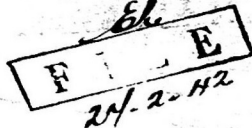


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Miss Kira P. Mugantseff - Antecedents and character.

Kira Petrovna MUGANTSEFF, Russian, was born on June 19, 1926 at Mukden and is the eldest of the three daughters of the late Mr. P. Mugantseff, former officer of the Russian army. The family arrived in Shanghai from Tsinanfu some time in 1928. The father was employed as a watchman with Amos Bird Company, 1 Tengyueh Road, until 1934 when he died of tuberculosis.

Miss Mugantseff is reported to have attended the First Russian School, Baikal Road, for a period and from 1936 to December, 1940 - the Public & Thos. Manbury School for Girls. Leaving the latter school from Form IV at the age of 15 years she is believed to have studied stenography for a few months, after which she was engaged by the General Accident Insurance Company, 18 The Bund, as an assistant stenographer. She worked in this capacity from August, 1941 to the end of January, 1942 when her services were dispensed with on account of general business depression.

Enquiries show that while in school her character was very good, but that during the past year there has been a certain change in her general demeanor which is regarded with disapproval by those who know her before. However, nothing has been learned that could reflect unfavourably on her character.

At present she resides at 14 Chuan Road together with her mother, Mrs. E. P. Mugantseff, 44. She has two sisters aged, respectively, 10 and 9 years.



attending the Public & Thos. Hanbury School for Girls. It is reported that Mrs. Mugantseff's material circumstances have never been very good since the death of her husband. At present she is employed as a cashier at a Russian bakery located at 37 Wayside Road.

Mr. D.T. Selenineff, who agreed to undertake the responsibility for any debts that F.S. Margison may incur, has for the past 16 years been employed with the Shanghai Power Company as a fireman. He served in the same regiment with the late Mr. Mugantseff and knows the family well. Being a hardworking, sober and thrifty man he is reported to have considerable savings. He is the lessee of houses No. 6 and 14 Chusan Road. Interviewed on 26-2-42 he confirmed that he had signed the guarantee form, a copy of which is attached to F.S. Margison's report dated 17-2-42.

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